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Looking for a Place to Hold Your Event?

Whether it's a dance, concert, wedding reception, Christmas party, meeting, craft show or family reunion, the Fairgrounds has numerous buildings that can accommodate such events. Exhibit buildings #1, #2 and #3 have recently been remodeled inside and look awesome! Building #4 is great for

those occasions where you'll need to use a commercial kitchen.

If it's an equine or livestock venue, we can also accommodate you with our indoor and outdoor arenas, livestock and horse barns. There's even a motor sports arena for those more adventurous events like demolition derbies and

top truck challenges. If you'd like to have your event at the Fairgrounds, please call the office (582-3270) to check available dates. Pricing and photos of our buildings and grounds can be seen on our website at www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org. Click on the Facilities Rental Information link.



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You're Invited to a Free Breakfast!

You are invited to attend the Bozeman Fire Department's



Annual Fire Prevention Breakfast
Monday, October 5

7:00a.m. to 10:00a.m.

Gallatin County Fairgrounds

Exhibit Building #4

The free breakfast will include hotcakes, eggs, ham, fruit, coffee, juice and milk.

You're all invited to the Bozeman Fire Department's Open House of Fire Station #3 on Wednesday, October 7th from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the new station located on the corner of Davis and Vaquero (adjacent to the Regional Park).

The Bozeman Fire Department's mission is to minimize the loss of life, injury or property through basic emergency medical care and fire res-

cue services. Fire Department staff provide fire code inspections, code enforcement and fire safety survival education programs to the public.

Fire suppression, arson investigation, hazardous materials mitigation, disaster management and wild land firefighting all fall within the duties of the Fire Department.

The department staff strive to provide these services at the highest national standards consistent with community needs and available public and private resources.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN ... OCTOBER 31 ... PLEASE BE SAFE!

Halloween safety information for kids and adults at www.halloween-safety.com

Paws & People - Nancy Tanner

Paws & People, LLC started in Bozeman in 2003 as an in-home training service, to work with people and their puppies. Passing along good information to owners so they could be successful in the art of raising their puppy, whether they were going into competition, needed a hiking partner or a nice family pet.

We moved into the Poultry/Rabbit Barn in the fall of 2004/2005, our clientele was growing and there was a need for group classes. We started in the hog arena with no heat and a cold cement floor. There was not a single complaint because the puppies were having fun and people were learning every week they came. Over the months we had the heat turned on,

added indoor/outdoor carpet, dog toys to play with, small agility equipment for puppies and music! Our little Hog Arena Training Center, in my opinion, is the best in town! The puppies run into class every week during the winter and cannot wait to start and what a perfect place to work and train animals than in an animal live stock barn! We also sponsor and host the Puppy Parade, CGC testing and Tricks competition at the Wild West WinterFest every February.

Our programs have grown over the past few years and in addition to our puppy series we now offer canine freestyle, foundation agility, distraction training, relaxing your reactive rover and one on one private training.



Nancy Tanner is a Certified Professional Dog Trainer, Musical Dog Sport Association Judge and Board Member and a member of the Animal Behavior Society. She competes in agility, freestyle and tricks on a national/international level and also offers behavior/training workshops in the NW. Paws & People is a reward based training group and specializes in motivating people to have a fun, knowledgeable and trusting relationship with their dog.

If you are interested in a fun, fast paced and information packed class or workshop, please contact nancy@pawsandpeople.com or visit www.pawsandpeople.com.

SALE ... SALE ... SALE ... Something for Everyone!

Looking for used clothing, furniture, household or kitchen items, baby clothing, toys or equipment? **Then you won't want to miss "The Exchange Fall and Winter Consignment Sale" October 10th and 11th** at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Exhibit Building #1! Saturday hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Sunday is 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. giving everyone an opportunity to shop.

There is absolutely NO fee to come in. **"The Exchange" is a semi-annual sale** that was started in 1994. It is an excellent way to buy quality used items. If you wish, you can also become a consignor and consign your items and receive 60% of the sale price (or 65% on items priced over \$100). Consignors also get extra privileges. For more information about the sale or when and where to consign items, please visit: www.theexchange.com or contact Karen Rose at 285-4579.

Ever wonder where all the leftovers go after the sale? Anything

that is left "to be donated" is distributed to several venues. Catalyst for Kids sends the clothes to orphanages in Third World Countries. Layettes and maternity clothing goes to the Pregnancy Caring Center. The Senior Center also takes left over



clothes. Alcoholics Anonymous gets some because they have garage sales in the summer to raise money to cover maintenance costs on the building they rent for weekly meetings. Donation receipts for tax purposes can be supplied.

Here is a little "food for thought" about resale, buying and selling. Studies have shown that downsizing and simplifying are good for your health and mental well-being! Having trouble parting with your things or selling them at what you consider to be a "loss"? Remember

that the fallacy of sunk costs means **that you can't recoup your purchase costs** by keeping an item that you might have paid too much for or trying to sell it for more than it is "worth" now. **The most common complaints from consignors is "I paid X amount for that and refuse to sell it for only that!"**

All that "stuff" you are trying to get out of your life is nothing more than a manifestation of this: **You know how much money you've spent for the things you own and are reluctant to let them go and take a "loss" on them. But keep in mind, the cost has been "sunk" and now you need to do what is best with that item.**

What you need to realize is that **it's not what these things were worth to you in the past that's important, but how much they are worth to someone who might buy it used.** If you do not value them and **they're just taking up space, then they're better off out of the house.**

OCTOBER Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

Oct 1	Gallatin County Weed Board Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	1:15pm - 3:00pm	Fairgrounds Office
Oct 3 & 4	Fall Home Improvement & Winter Expo Show <i>Sat 10am - 5pm & Sun 11am - 5pm</i>		All 4 Exhibit Bldgs
Oct 5	FREE Breakfast - Bozeman Fire Dept.	7am - 10am	Bldg #4
Oct 8	Fair Planning Committee Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
Oct 9	Youth Dance by House Productions <i>(Admission \$6)</i>	9pm - 12am	Bldg #3
	Fairgrounds Foundation Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	6:30am - 8:00am	Holiday Inn
Oct 10	Share, Inc - Gallatin Infant Memorial Walk	9am - 11:30am	Bldg #3
Oct 10 & 11	The Exchange Fall & Winter Consignment Sale <i>Sat 8am - 3pm & Sun 9am - 1pm</i>		Bldg #1
Oct 12	Closed for Columbus Day		
Oct 15	WinterFest Committee Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
Oct 16	Youth Dance - (under 21) House Productions <i>(Admission \$6)</i>	9pm - 12a.m	Building #3
Oct 17	Spirit of Montana Arts & Crafts Show NorthWestern Energy Customer Appreciation	9am - 5pm 9am - 3pm	Bldgs #1 & #2 Bldg #4
Oct 20	Fair Board Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
Oct 23	MT Brewers Association - OktoberFest Beer Festival	5pm - 11pm	Bldg #2
Oct 24	GSHC Halloween Horse Show	8:30am - 5pm	Indoor Arena
Oct 25	Journey to the Wild West Carnival by Journey Church <i>(Pony rides, inflatables & chili)</i>	4pm - 6pm	Indoor Arena
Oct 30-Nov 1	Little Bear School House Museum Antique Show <i>Oct. 30 5pm - 9pm; Oct. 31 9am - 5pm and Nov. 1 10am - 3pm</i>		Bldgs #1 & #2
Oct 31	Halloween Family Festival by Fellowship Baptist Church	5:30pm - 8:30pm	Indoor Arena

More information is available at www.gallatincountyfairgrounds.org

Montana's Premier Fall Home Improvement & Winter Expo



SATURDAY - **October 3 ... 10am - 5pm**
 SUNDAY - **October 4 ... 10am - 5pm**
 Gallatin County Fairgrounds
 All 4 Exhibit Buildings

- ▶ FREE AMISSION
- ▶ New Energy Companies
- ▶ Windows to Siding
- ▶ Hot Tubs to Investments
- ▶ Stoves to Blinds
- ▶ **And so much more**

Spirit of Montana Arts & Crafts Show

The 4th Annual "Spirit of Montana" arts and crafts show will be held on Saturday, October 17 at the Fairgrounds in Exhibit Buildings #1 and #2 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

This year the show is sponsoring a food drive for the Gallatin Valley Food Bank by giving free admission with a non-perishable food item or a \$1 donation to help fill the shelves

of the food pantry. Your generous support is greatly needed and very much appreciated!

The show brings together some of the finest artists from around Montana and surrounding areas. Their specialty creations present a great opportunity for you to find new and interesting gift ideas for the whole family. As always, the

festive "Christmas Corner Store" will bring a smile to your face and hearts with all the fun things on display as well as the famous **unique heirloom "Montana Santa's"** by Evy.

Enjoy lunch at the Harvest Café featuring hot entrees, sandwiches, drinks and sweet treats. Come join the FUN!

NorthWestern Energy E+ Program

The NorthWestern Energy is distributing starter weatherization kits to its residential natural gas, space or water-heating customers October 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in building #4 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Weatherization kits are only available to NorthWestern Energy natural gas, space or water-heating customers who have not previously received a free kit. Further qualifications may apply.

The kit contains materials such as door sweeps, door weather strip, expanding foam sealant, electrical outlet and switch gaskets, window shrink-wrap, low flow shower heads and low flow faucet aerators to help the customer get started with air-

sealing and water/energy-saving opportunities in the home. Sealing up air leaks, especially in older homes, can lower heating bills and improve comfort.

While more than 26,000 weatherization kits have been distributed at events since 2005, there are still



many NorthWestern Energy natural gas heating customers that have not yet received a kit and would benefit from installing air-sealing

measures in their home. Our goal is for more of our heating customers' homes to have energy saving kits installed this winter.

We'll teach you the basics in making your home more energy efficient and we'll show the do-it-yourselfer just how easy it can be.

Getting your home ready for winter is so easy you can do it yourself. **You'll get some great weatherization tips and learn about our rebate programs. We'll have lots of energy saving information and tips and lets not forget about the free refreshments!**

To learn more about your community, environment and safety, visit www.nwenergy.com.

OktoberFest - Beer Festival

The Montana Brewers Association announces its first Annual Brewers Festival to be held October 23 from 5pm - 11pm at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. With OktoberFest in the air, come meet the brewers, enjoy good food, good music and sample



Montana's finest craft brews. Seventeen Montana

brewers will attend and over forty Montana made brews will be available for your tasting pleasure. Proceeds will benefit the Montana Brewers Association, the Gallatin Valley Land Trust and KGLT.

Music will be provided by Little Jane and the Pistol Whips, Skavocado and The Dirty Shame. There will be plenty of food provided by Old Chicago and the Montana Fish Company.

Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door and are available at the

Bozeman Brewery, the Madison River Brewery, Old Chicago, the Montana Fish Company, Cactus Records and online at www.montanabrewers.org. Admission includes three samples and an MBA pint glass. Additional samples are \$1 each.

The Montana Brewers Association is a non-profit association devoted to the development of a strong and growing craft brewing industry in Montana. Please support your local brewery!

Little Bear School House Museum Antique Show

Little Bear Antique Fair happens twice a year. The first full weekend in August and the last weekend of October at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Make sure to mark your calendar for October 30 - November 1 for the next show. **Friday's** hours 5pm - 9pm; Saturday 9am - 5pm and Sunday 10am - 3pm. There will be over 78 dealers offering merchandise ranging from furniture, glassware, linens and collectibles. Admission is \$4 and is good all three days of the show.

The antique show is a fundraiser for the support of the Little Bear School House Museum located in Gallatin Gateway on Highway 191 next to the Exxon station.

The school was a functioning school from 1912 - 1954. It was

then located up Little Bear Canyon south of Gallatin Gateway. After ceasing to function as a country school, it was used as a private home for awhile. The school ultimately ended up in a cow pasture. Over time, the building deteriorated, windows and doors were broken and the cows used it for a shelter.

A few interested citizens rescued the building which was donated by the landowner. By now, it was little more than a shell. The Little Bear community decided to restore this little building from its sad state. The building was moved on to an acre of land donated by The William Derham family near Gallatin Gateway. Eight years later and after many fundraisers, donations, membership dues and a forestry grant,

the school was opened to the public in 1998. The school house takes you back in time to 1912, the era of your parents or grandparents.

Last year a beautiful gazebo was built on the grounds to encourage visitors to picnic or take a little rest **in the shade**. If you're ever in the Gallatin Gateway area, it is worth your time to stop and visit the restored Little Bear School.



Marketing Minute

Welcome to fall! As the leaves turn and the weather gets cooler **don't forget to check out all the great activities** coming to the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. With so many wonderful events behind us and a great summer fair; the Fairgrounds would like to thank Haubrich Electric for being a part of the Gallatin County Fair and for the continued support of the Fairgrounds.

Derek at Haubrich Electric joined the Fairgrounds as a Gold Sponsor during the 2008 Fair and has continued his support of the Fairgrounds for the 2009 year as well. Haubrich Electric is a full service commercial and residential electrical company based in Boze-



man. Haubrich Electric offers free estimates and design work and will make sure you get what you need in the time you need it. Ask Derek or his staff about Northwestern Energy's commercial lighting rebate program and related tax rebates.

For all your current electrical needs call Haubrich Electric at 580-3278 **and don't forget to thank them** for their continued support of the Gallatin County Fairgrounds.

2010 Gallatin County Fair Theme

It's that time again to choose a new **"theme" for the 2010** Gallatin County Fair. Here are some examples of past Fair themes:

- Country Pride, County Wide
- Fun for the Whole Herd
- Summer Days & Country Ways
- Let's Stirrup Some Fun
- Discover the Fair

The Fair Planning Committee is accepting your theme ideas through October 7. If your theme is chosen, you will WIN two 5-Day Fair admission passes, two all-day carnival ride tickets and two Bozeman **Roundup Rodeo tickets (that's a \$70 value)**, plus your theme will appear on all Fair advertising! So

put your thoughts and ideas together and email them to: fairgrounds@gallatin.mt.gov or send them to our office. Please be sure to include contact information so we can let you know if you win.

GOOD LUCK!



Gallatin Infant Memorial Walk



The 2nd Annual Infant Memorial Walk will be at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds to honor the memory of our children who died due to miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death. The walk is Saturday (rain or shine) October 10th beginning with registration at 9:00 a.m. Registration is \$5, children 12 and under are free. Proceeds of this event go to purchasing “comfort cubs” and making memorial care packages for impacted families. For registration and more event information, please visit www.gallatininfantwalk.shutterfly.com.

Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA)

The Bozeman Amateur Hockey Association (BAHA) will transform the Haynes Pavilion into an ice skating rink beginning September 21st. If you visited the pavilion over the summer, you may have noticed the addition of Locker Room E in the northwest corner of the building which is near completion.

Be sure to join us for the Junior A Icedogs first home game on Friday, October 9th! Full game schedule, as well as nightly and season ticket prices can be found at www.bozemanicedogs.com.



LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM AND PUBLIC SKATING

Learn to Skate offers Figure Skating and Hockey Skating lessons beginning October 11th for youth and adults. For more information contact Mariana Hurta: bozemanfsc@gmail.com or 580-0551.

Public skating will be open in the middle of October. Weekly times are approximately: 8am - 11:50am M-F and 12pm - 1:20pm Saturdays ... \$5 adults/\$3 kids. Please visit www.bozemanhockey.org for the exact ice schedule.

ICEDOGS YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRAMS

Children age 4-8 can still sign up for our Termite and Mite level house league hockey teams. For more information please visit our webpage: www.bozemanhockey.org



HAYNES HOCKEY LEAGUE (HHL) ADULT PROGRAMS

The HHL will host 4 Novice teams, 10 Recreational teams and 7 Power teams as well as the following two new programs. For more information or to sign up, please visit www.bozemanhockey.org.



Adult Intro to Hockey for first-time skaters and any adults wanting to improve their skating or puck handling skills. Seven 50-minute coached sessions, 4:30pm - 5:20pm Sundays from mid-October through mid-December (2nd session Jan-March) \$75.

VHW (Veteran's of Hockey Wars, Over-40 League) 4 teams in the league and space is still available - approximately one game per week October 18 - March 28 ... \$300.

GSHC Halloween Horse Show



The Gallatin Saddle & Harness Club (GSHC) is sponsoring a Halloween Horse Show on Saturday, October 24 beginning at 9:00 a.m. The public is welcome to be a spectator or bring their horses down and signup for the classes. Signup is begins at 8:00 a.m. Classes include harness, trail, costume, games, lead line (8 yrs. & under), English and Western pleasure, and equitation. **Don't forget costumes accepted in all classes for this show (as long as their safe).** Class fees are \$20 for non-club members for the day and \$15 for members. No charge for spectators. Prizes will be tack and candy. Ribbons will be awarded. There will be two judges for each class. Call 587-9305 or 586-2885 for class information and lists. Visit www.gallatinsaddleandharnessclub.com for updated information.

FairEver Yours

Last month you met our Fair Board members. This month I want to introduce you to the office staff. There are five very hard working ladies in our office, who make the manager (me) look good. I am very fortunate to have found these dedicated, trustworthy, loyal, intelligent, and fun-loving assistants and Gallatin County is fortunate these five have chosen to put their efforts toward making the Fairgrounds, County Fair and Wild West WinterFest the best that they can be.

Karlene is usually the first person you meet when you call or visit the Fairgrounds office. She is our frontline person. She answers all the phone calls, schedules all the events, types all the contracts and follows up with those using the Fairgrounds to be sure everything is ready for them and their events. She is one of the most positive people I have ever met and she makes sure that each person she comes into contact with knows she really cares about their needs. She always goes above and beyond the call of duty and is the **Fairgrounds' special ray of sunshine!** She is the BEST!!!

Debbie is my office manager. She makes the decisions when I am not around and I always know that she will be fair, honest and, using her common sense and experience, make decisions that will work best for the customers and the Fairgrounds. When Debbie started working at the Fairgrounds, it was just the two of us in the office. She learned to do everything including cleaning stalls. She is very capable and works extremely hard to keep us moving forward. She is my right hand when all I seem to have are left hands. She is so incredibly grounded and believes in the importance of the Fairgrounds to the community. She is dedicated to her family, her little grandbabies and to the Fairgrounds. She and I are both **"Wisconsin Cheese Heads"** and maybe that is why we work together so well.

Linda is our web page, poster, flier, mailing list, do everything on the computer gal. She started with us part time and now with all the new internet advertising, web page changes, graphics requirements of the Fairgrounds, she is full time and finds it difficult to keep up. She is extremely creative and enjoys using her creativity to help others enjoy the Fairgrounds, Fair, WinterFest and other Fairgrounds events. She makes changes to our web page daily because she feels it is important to have accurate information for the public. Linda still has time to jog with her family and attend all the track meets and other events her very active family is involved in.

Ginger is our bookkeeper and, like everyone else in our office, she has a huge job. The bookkeeping position was fulltime but with tight budgets, when our previous bookkeeper left, the position was made ½ time so Ginger has to put her running shoes on just to sit at her desk. Ginger has expertise in the areas of job costing and financial reporting. The Fairgrounds is a department of County government, but we have been charged to run as a business. We are non-profit, but the goal is to be self-sufficient and not dependent upon any tax dollars. In order to reach that goal, we must have excellent financial records. Ginger has been working hard to be able to provide us with this absolutely necessary information and we are now better able to business decisions. When you work at the Fairgrounds, it seems to become a family affair. This summer, during the Fair, 2 of **Ginger's children were very active** volunteers. It usually works out well to have family members volunteering at the Fair, because that may be the only time you get see them since Fairtime hours are very long.

Jaime is our sponsorship and marketing person. Born and raised on a ranch in Oregon, Jaime moved

here with her dog, Wally, a horse or two and lots of ambition. She worked for Big Brothers and Sisters in Boise, ID helping with marketing and fundraising before moving to Bozeman. Jaime has Fairs and Fairgrounds in her blood. Her grandfather has been on their County Fair Board for 35 years. She grew up participating in Fairs and seeing Fairgrounds not just from the visitor side, but knows them from the inside and what it takes to keep them viable. The Fairgrounds has a Face Book page and is on My Space because of Jaime. She has fun promoting the Fairgrounds and is very innovative. Jaime sets high goals for herself and has met each one of them since joining the Fairgrounds team. She has high energy, loves to visit with people about the Fairgrounds and if needed, she can get on a tractor and go work the arena. She is an inspiration and a motivator. She is always thinking and always smiling.

As for me, I have been at the Fairgrounds for almost 22 years. I grew up competing at Fairs, working at Fairs and playing at Fairs. Fairgrounds, in general, are near and dear to my heart, but our Gallatin County Fairgrounds is extra special. I believe it is important to our community. There is much history here at the Fairgrounds since the first Fair was held on these grounds over 100 years ago. Traditions have been built here. Many, many happy memories have been created. There are many things in the world I am passionate about but my top two are my Family and the Fairgrounds. I can talk all day about my kids and, now, my two grandbabies, and I can spend almost that same amount of time talking about the Fairgrounds – as you can see from this article. Next month, you will meet my Operations Staff.

FairEver Yours,
Sue Shockley, Manager